Scientific investigation of warfare practices in Kautilya's Arthshastra

*614. SHRI C. RAMACHANDRAIAH:
SHRI RAMA MUNI REDDY SIRIGIREDDY:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the DRDO funded a project to unlock Arthshastra's warfare secrets;

(b) if so, whether it is also a fact that the scientists from the University of Pune were given the task of unlocking Book XIV of Arthshastra;

(c) if so, whether the research on this project has since started; and

(d) if so, the progress of research made so far?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) has funded a project on 'Scientific Investigation of Warefare Practices in Kautilya's Arthshastra' to Pune University under 'Grants-in-aid' scheme.

(c) and (d) Yes, Sir. The literature survey has been completed and other studies are in progress.

Utilisation of foodgrains allotted to States under Food for Work Programme

*615. SHRI RUMANDLA RAMCHANDRAIAH: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have allotted additional four lakh tonnes of rice to the States under the Food for Work Programme;

(b) if so, the States which have fully utilised these foodgrains;

(c) whether any report has been received from the State Government for utilization of these additional foodgrains; and

(d) if so, the details thereof, State-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI SUBHASH MAHARIA): (a) to (d) The Food